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In re Patent No. 6,026,545 :  
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Application No. 09/286,723 : **ON PETITION**  
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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.378(c), filed April 5, 2012, to accept the unintentionally delayed payment of a maintenance fee for the above-identified patent.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

This patent expired on February 22, 2012 for failure to pay the third maintenance fee. Since this petition was submitted within twenty-four months after the six-month grace period provided in 37 CFR 1.362(e), the petition was timely filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.378(c).

The 11 ½ year maintenance fee is hereby accepted and the above-identified patent is reinstated as of the mail date of this decision.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3204.

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